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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

February 21, 2005 – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: Robert Penno

SENATORS PRESENT: Biddle, Buchino, Eloë, Huelsman, Penno, Pestello, Rapp, Webb, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: R. Penno said a prayer.
2. Roll Call:
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for February 14, 2005: The February 14 minutes were approved as written.
4. Announcements:
 - a. J. Wilson informed the committee that information was emailed to them asking for their availability for the Bill Massy meeting on Tuesday, February 22 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in KU 311.
5. Old Business:
 - o *Standing Committee Reports*:
 - Academic Policies Committee (APC)*: J. Biddle said he and D. Biers have discussed thematic clusters, and he also met with Paul Benson. There was a subcommittee established in 2002 but they did not complete their charge. J. Biddle stated they are trying to do what needs to be done and try to mesh with what the College is going to be leading off with their subcommittee. The anticipated finish date is this term. He and D. Biers talked about grade inflation. A committee meeting is scheduled to discuss academic dishonesty and the issue of term papers/academic writing.
 - Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)*: L. Yungblut said the FAC meets every two weeks and their next meeting will be on Wednesday to pick up the discussions where they left off as reported in last week's minutes.
 - Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC)*: N. Buchino said she sent the updated version of the Honor Code to J. Wilson for her to forward it on to the ECAS members for their comments. All responses need to be returned to N. Buchino so they can be incorporated into a final draft for presentation to the Academic Senate on March 11. There is an honor pledge in the document which consists of two statements that the SAPC wants students to sign before being admitted to the university. The Honor Code also addresses Standards of Conduct and this material was gathered from opinions of the committee, other honor codes that were examined, and from the UD student handbook. The Honor Code also includes information regarding electronic media (the internet). There is no

information on this topic in the handbook. It was suggested to also send the Honor Code to Barb Belle for review since she deals with computer ethics violations, and J. Wilson will forward it to her asking for comments. N. Buchino stated that the hope is to create a Judicial Board to address academic dishonesty.

- *Provost's committees* – L. Yungblut stated that her committee met, and the Academic Identity Committee started coordinating their efforts with the First Year Team.

6. New Business:

- *Bill Massy Visit* – F. Pestello said the *Vision of Excellence* states the points around which we are committing ourselves in the long term. The second document, *Focusing the Vision for 2010*, is the specific goals that flow from each of the six points of excellence. F. Pestello said a binder was sent to Dr. Massy containing the following: the *Vision of Excellence*; *Focusing the Vision for 2010*; his two-page memo dated February 3 which states the thinking of he and the president on how the vision should be modified based on all the conversations that took place during meetings with various groups on campus (these minutes are posted on the Provost's website); Vision 2005; and Vision 2005: The Foundation. Dr. Massy has been working with other universities and is an expert in this area. He will give us his thoughts when he comes to the university, and it is important to hear what he as an informed outsider has to say. There has been a lot of consensus building on campus around basically an acceptance of *Vision of Excellence* with a couple key points of change which are outlined in the February 3 memo. F. Pestello stated that, in addition to all the information on the Vision, a committee was formed from faculty and staff members to look at all the documents and minutes and provide their feedback to him. Dr. Massy's visit is an opportunity for us to engage a strategic thinker and hear his response to the Vision, our process thus far, and how to move forward. He will answer questions voiced during the session. It was stated that there is no preparation necessary for Dr. Massy's visit and the focus is to look at the big picture and not a specific unit.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Wilson